

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Lionel,

Considering the many discussions that have ensued about the request for export of the HYSHARE 700 computer to the People's Republic of China, I feel compelled to explain my strong support for this request.

The primary issue is not the intrinsic technology level of the hardware, which is mid-1970's vintage, but the enhanced system capability provided by the HYSHARE 700. It incorporates analog computers with twice the capability contained in a downgraded version that is currently approved for export to the PRC.

However, while this expanded system capability does offer the potential for practical solution of more complex problems, it is my opinion that honoring this request would have little impact on their military capability. Facilitating their missile trajectory calculations hardly compromises our own strategic interests. Their ballistic missiles represent a "force de frappe" to deter the Soviet Union, albeit to a marginal degree. If we choose to reject every request of potential military value, regardless of its significance, then I question how the President's directives to implement a more liberal export control policy toward China can be achieved. Export of the HYSHARE 700 computer does not entail "major risks to our national security" and is thoroughly consonant with my interpretation of the President's export control policy for the PRC. Considering the great importance of maintaining and extending U.S. relations with the People's Republic, I strongly recommend approval of this request.

Very truly yours,



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